

Need another word that means the same as “repentance”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “repentance” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Repentance” are: penance, penitence, remorse, contrition, contriteness, sorrow, sorrowfulness, regret, ruefulness, pangs of conscience, prickings of conscience, shame, guilt, self-reproach, self-condemnation, compunction

Repentance as a Noun

Definitions of "Repentance" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “repentance” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Remorse for your past conduct.*
- *The action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse.*



Synonyms of "Repentance" as a noun (16 Words)

compunction	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed). <i>They used their tanks without compunction.</i>
contriteness	An elaborate or deceitful scheme contrived to deceive or evade. (in the Roman Catholic Church) the repentance of past sins during or after confession.
contrition	<i>Prayers of contrition.</i>
guilt	The fact of having committed a specified or implied offence or crime. <i>It is the duty of the prosecution to prove the prisoner s guilt.</i>
pangs of conscience	A sudden sharp feeling.

penance	A religious observance or other duty required of a person by a priest as part of this sacrament to indicate repentance. <i>He had done public penance for those hasty words.</i>
penitence	The action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance. <i>A public display of penitence.</i>
prickings of conscience	Motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles that govern a person's thoughts and actions.
regret	A feeling of sadness, repentance, or disappointment over an occurrence or something that one has done or failed to do. <i>He wrote a note expressing his regret.</i>
<u>remorse</u>	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed). <i>They were filled with remorse and shame.</i>
ruefulness	Sadness associated with some wrong done or some disappointment.
self-condemnation	An admission that you have failed to do or be something you know you should do or be.
self-reproach	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed).
<u>shame</u>	An unfortunate development. <i>Ignorance of Latin would be a disgrace and a shame to any public man.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>A bereaved person needs time to work through their sorrow.</i>
sorrowfulness	Sadness associated with some wrong done or some disappointment.



Usage Examples of "Repentance" as a noun

- *Each person who turns to God in genuine repentance and faith will be saved.*



Associations of "Repentance" (30 Words)

- apologetic** Constituting a formal defence or justification of a theory or doctrine.
*An **apologetic** smile.*
- atone** Turn away from sin or do penitence.
*A human sacrifice to **atone** for the sin.*
- atonement** (in religious contexts) reparation or expiation for sin.
*He submitted his resignation as an act of **atonement**.*
- compunction** A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed).
*They used their tanks without **compunction**.*
- confess** Confess to a punishable or reprehensible deed usually under pressure.
*She **confessed** that she had taken the money.*
- confession** The religious body or Church sharing a confession of faith.
*His words are a political **confession** of faith.*

confessor	A person to whom another confides personal problems. <i>She sent for her confessor because she was in mortal sin.</i>
contrite	Feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses. <i>A contrite tone.</i>
contrition	The state of feeling remorseful and penitent. <i>To show contrition for his crime he offered to do community service.</i>
expiate	Make amends for. <i>Expiate one's sins.</i>
forgive	Stop blaming or grant forgiveness. <i>I was willing to forgive all her faults for the sake of our friendship.</i>
guilty	Responsible for or chargeable with a reprehensible act. <i>He felt guilty about the way he had treated her.</i>
penance	Impose a penance on. <i>He had done public penance for those hasty words.</i>
penitence	The action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance. <i>A public display of penitence.</i>
penitent	(Roman Catholic Church) a person who repents for wrongdoing (a Roman Catholic may be admitted to penance under the direction of a confessor). <i>A penitent expression.</i>
penitential	Showing or constituting penance. <i>Wrote a penitential letter apologizing for her hasty words.</i>
regret	Express with regret. <i>I always regretted that I never trained.</i>
regretful	Feeling or expressing regret or sorrow or a sense of loss over something done or undone. <i>He sounded regretful but pointed out that he had committed himself.</i>
<u>regretfully</u>	It is regrettable that. <i>He sighed regretfully.</i>
<u>remorse</u>	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed). <i>They were filled with remorse and shame.</i>
remorseful	Filled with remorse; sorry. <i>The defendant was remorseful for what he had done.</i>
repent	Feel regret or penitence about. <i>He repented of his action.</i>
repentant	Feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds. <i>He is truly repentant for his incredible naivety and stupidity.</i>

rue	A street or road in France. <i>Ferguson will rue the day he turned down that offer.</i>
<u>rueful</u>	Expressing sorrow or regret, especially in a wry or humorous way. <i>She gave a rueful grin.</i>
<u>salvation</u>	Saving someone or something from harm or from an unpleasant situation. <i>They turned to individualism as their salvation.</i>
sceptic	A person who doubts the truth of Christianity and other religions; an atheist.
scruple	Raise scruples. <i>In the choice of a second wife one scruple of prudence is worth a pound of passion.</i>
<u>sin</u>	Commit a sin. <i>I sinned and brought shame down on us.</i>
<u>sinner</u>	A person who sins (without repenting). <i>God forgives repentant sinners.</i>

